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Lions welcome new SGU executive board

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
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Now after the makeshift plywood "Vote for me" signs have been taken down, and no longer are students passing out gum to gain valued votes, the Student Government Union Executive Board results are in.

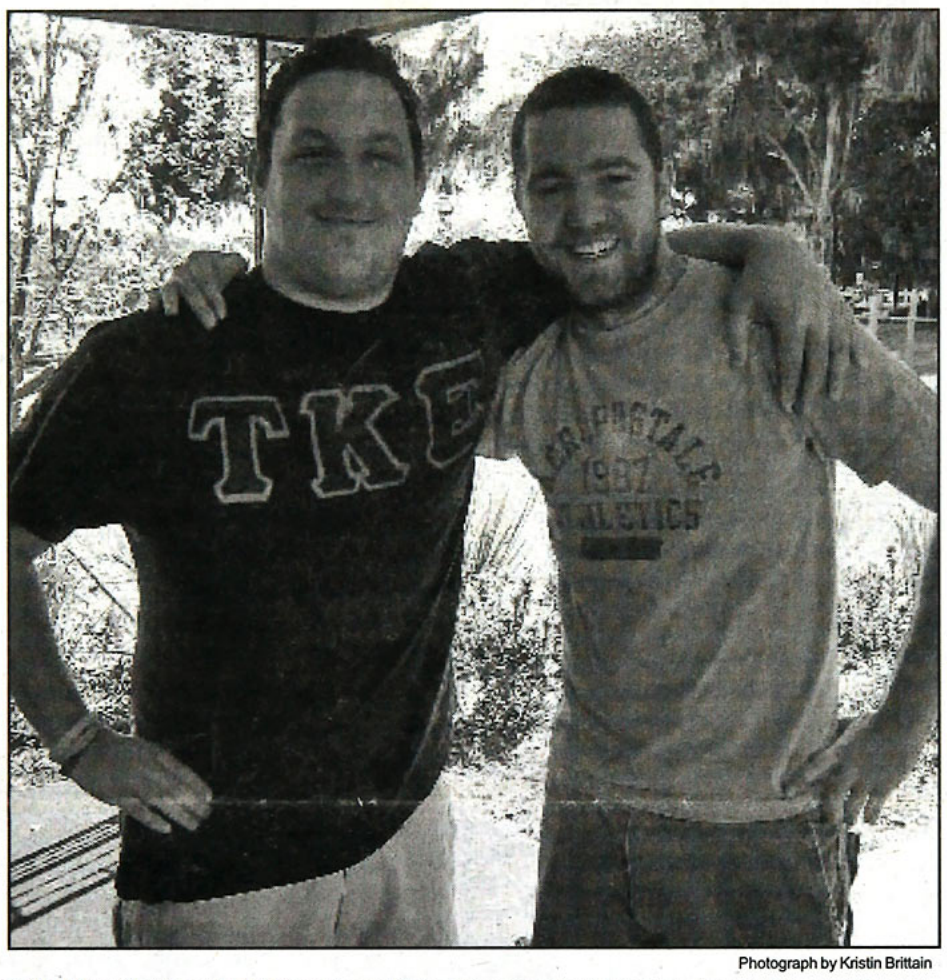
The newly elected board consists of President Justin Donnelly, Vice President of Operations Shaji Varughese, Vice President of Activities Ryan Regensdorfer, Secretary Jenn D'Angiolillo, and Treasurer Lauren Tello.

The upcoming SGU board fully embodies the mission of the Student Government constitution which states, "The Student Government Union is the voice of the student body and acts as the advocate for student needs and is the liaison between the students and members of the Saint Leo University Faculty, Staff, and Administration."

As the newly elected president, Donnelly exemplifies this by making it his focus to incorporate the student body more in the decision-making process.

"I want to be there for the students," proclaimed Donnelly, "especially with the new Student Community Center, it is going to be even more possible."

As the newly elected secretary, D'Angiolillo agreed.



Photograph by Kristin Brittain

SGU President Justin Donnelly and Vice President of Activities Ryan Regensdorfer stand proud of their newly elected office.

"I am really excited about where the new location of SGU will be in the Student Community Center. We will be in the center location of the student body. That in itself will just be amazing."

If anything is certain, it is the excitement level of working for the student body.

"I am very excited to be a part of this awesome team, and to work with this leadership," exclaimed D'Angiolillo.

After running for vice president of activities three times, Regensdorfer is excited to bring his "extremely energetic personality" to the position.

"Watch out for Campus Activities Board (CAB). It is going to be bigger and better," said Regensdorfer.

One of the goals of SGU is "to produce a balanced schedule of programs that enhances campus life and the surrounding communities," according to the SGU constitution.

"There will definitely be another Halloween Horror Nights trip. Winter Formal will be back along with Spring Fling. There will also be the other usual trips as well, like Muvico trips and bingo nights," said Regensdorfer.

The new board plans on continuing with some of the programs that the previous board completed this year.

"SGU got finals week back, and we would like to build upon the online voting; the trial run worked out good this year," said Donnelly.

"You just really have to wait and see with what next year will bring...Saint Leo, with a new student body coming in," commented D'Angiolillo.

It is written in the SGU constitution that "the former SGU Executive Board shall train new officers, maintain organized records, and use other appropriate methods to facilitate the

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Seniors: Take a test; earn some bucks

BY JOSHUA M. SMITH
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Some will come to help Saint Leo assess and improve its general education program. A few may come because they simply enjoy taking tests and have nothing better to do in their spare time. Most, however, will come for the money.

Saint Leo's assessment & institutional research department will be administering the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP), a standardized general education examination, in Selby Auditorium during the week of April 16-20. The test takes two hours to complete.

The test is considered a "quality assurance check" according to Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, executive director of assessment & institutional research.

"This is something [University President Dr. Arthur Kirk] is watching very carefully," said Anderson.

The test covers fundamental skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics. Seniors may sign up ahead of time to take the test or simply walk in.

The exam does not affect the students' grades, nor does it show up on the students' records, so many might wonder why they should take it. First, the MAPP will help Saint Leo evaluate its general education program, pointing out the strengths and weaknesses based on the seniors' performance on the exam. This will allow the administration to make any adjustments necessary to improve the curriculum for future students. Second, seniors can earn up to $50 as compensation for their participation.

When they arrive to take the test, seniors who bring their student IDs with them will receive $25 cash on the spot. The participants are eligible for an additional $25 if they fully complete the examination and perform well.

"Not a bad rate of pay for two hours of work," said Anderson.

The MAPP test is considered a complement to the senior exit surveys graduates are asked to fill out each year. When seniors settle their financial status at Trane Stop in St. Edward Hall for the last time before graduation, the financial aid staff asks each students if they will fill out the survey, which provides the administration direct feedback on how the students feel about their overall college experience at Saint Leo.

In recent years, the senior exit survey has been instrumental in evaluating student satisfaction with programs like the laptop giveaway. After the overwhelmingly positive feedback from departing graduates, the University decided to continue providing laptops after the pilot program had ended.

Achieving a high level of student participation in assessments such as the MAPP exam and the senior exit surveys helps the University continuously improve its curriculum, policies, and procedures. Each year, faculty members are asked to encourage students to participate in such direct feedback opportunities.

The professors who have prompted their students to take part "have made an enormous difference" in the effectiveness of the exams and surveys according to Sister Eileen Dunbar, a statistical analyst for the assessment & institutional research department.

Students have yet another opportunity to provide useful feedback about the University's curriculum in the course evaluations they are asked to fill out near the end of each semester. Prior to 2004, these evaluations had a lengthy processing turnaround before the results ever filtered back to the faculty and staff. Now, however, these surveys are processed in a matter of weeks, with results handed to faculty and department heads often within three weeks of completion.

Course evaluations began merely as a fulfillment of government regulations, but over time they have become an important indicator of the effective-

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Blondes have more fun

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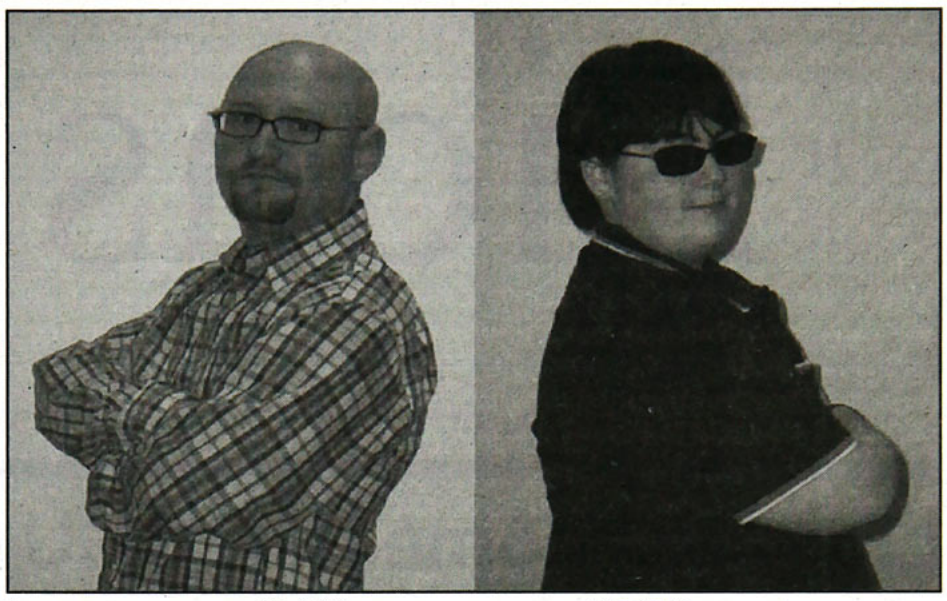
Attention all citizens! It's time to put away those old fashioned ideas of how the country "should" be run, and open the door to something that's never been done before. On January 20, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton announced her candidacy for the president of the United States of America. With this decision comes a lot of controversy regarding whether or not Clinton is fit to run the country. Although there are many that disagree, Clinton deserves a fair shot at the race and an open mind from all voters across the country.

As a United States senator for more than six years, Clinton has done a lot for the welfare of many Americans. Introducing bills regarding improved healthcare for children and adults, restoring homeland security funding, enforcing voting rights, ensuring available AIDS and HIV treatment, and protecting and improving the G.I. Bill are just some of the ways Clinton has fought for American rights. She looks to the issues that concern every citizen and tries to improve them to ensure physical, emotional, and economic prosperity. She does not focus only on the present but looks ahead to protect future generations of Americans.

One of Clinton's biggest concerns is expanding healthcare coverage for all citizens. According to her website, 46 million Americans currently residing in the US have no health coverage whatsoever. Many of these people are hard working citizens who don't make enough to afford the staggering prices of insurance policies. Clinton recognizes this and proposes the solution of allowing uninsured citizens the rights to buy into existing policies. Lowering administration costs in the medical system will also help redirect funds to problems in the system including insuring those who cannot insure themselves. This will allow many uninsured people the chance to have the same benefits as those who simply make enough to support themselves.

Clinton is also concerned about children receiving the best healthcare available. In 2003, Clinton introduced the Pediatric Research Equity Act, which introduced legislation to require all drugs be tested to prove safe and efficient before they are prescribed to children. In early 2007, Clinton proposed the Children's Health First Act, which provides quality, affordable healthcare for all children in the US. According to her website, this bill includes the motivation to expand healthcare and insure those children who qualify under polices for insurance yet are not currently insured. This bill is a huge step for the survival and prosperity of children all across the country. Parents will no longer have to worry about being unable to provide insurance for their



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own children. They can feel safe knowing it's taken care of.

Not only does Clinton want to protect the citizens of this country in the homeland, she also wants to take better action for US soldiers past, present, and future. On March 8, Clinton proposed a new GI Bill of Rights. She claims that soldiers are not receiving the correct treatment before deployment, as they serve, and when they come home. Clinton said, "I believe that if you serve your

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The lesser of several evils

BY JOSHUA M. SMITH
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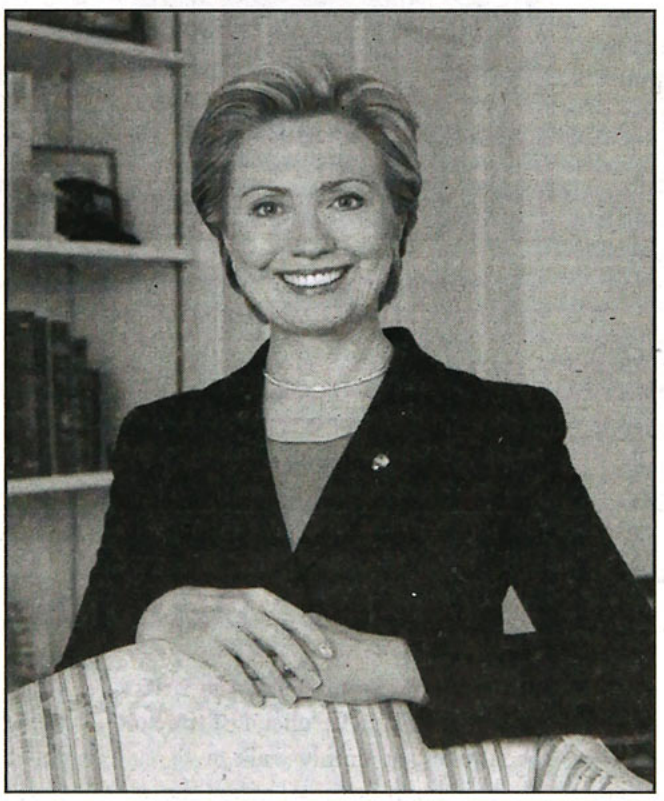
Hillary's ideas on health care and defense policy are dangerous, but she's a moderate compared to the other contender for the Democratic Party nomination for president

There are some conservatives who have made it their primary mission between now and November 2008 to stop Hillary Clinton from winning the presidency. Not so with this conservative. As a matter of fact, I consider Hillary Clinton the lesser of several evils.

Sure, she's bound and determined to impose her unpopular socialistic ideas on health care on the American people, she'd likely continue to pursue an utterly non-coherent defense policy, and she is one of the coldest, most calculating, and most ambitious operators in contemporary American politics. But in the substantial field of candidates for the Democratic Party's nomination, all of whom take their marching orders directly from MoveOn.org, Hillary Clinton is at least a known commodity with a history of political expediency and pragmatism. Call her my "least unfavorite" of the bunch.

In 1994, then-president Bill Clinton named his wife Hillary to head up his attempt to reform health care policy. The government-run system she proposed, in essence nationalizing the health industry, was pronounced "dead on arrival" even by fellow Democrats. Republicans in Congress harshly (and rightly) criticized her proposal as a dangerous scheme that would significantly decrease the quality of health care enjoyed by all Americans. One need only look at the poor performance of other countries' socialized health care systems to understand why such a system would be a disaster in this country. In Britain, patients must wait in line for days to see



a doctor or undergo needed surgeries. Canadians routinely cross the border into the U.S. to see more qualified physicians who are allowed to earn what their expertise is worth. The only successes proponents of nationalized health care can point to are the marginally lower prices of prescription medications in such countries. However, this nominal benefit is only achieved at the cost of government price controls, which severely reduce the pharmaceutical companies' incentive to develop life-saving drugs.

This is what Hillary Clinton wants for you and your family: inefficient, sub-standard health care for "all Americans."

The former first lady has remained largely steadfast on her desire to wreck our health care system, but she has not remained steadfast on other issues. During her time in the White House through her husband's administration, Hillary learned the value of frequently gathering polling data and setting policy according to whichever way the political wind was blowing that week. While that meant always falling on the popular side of the issues, it also meant that policy set today might be abandoned for the exact opposite direction at any moment.

We've already seen Hillary Clinton's resolve vacillate from hawk to dove when it comes to the war on terror since her election to the Senate in 2000. Torn between the anti-war sentiments of her base and the need to appear strong on defense as a woman with presidential ambitions, Hillary's stance on the war in Iraq and support of the military has been all over the place. She voted to authorize the war, but has since expressed regret over that vote (though stopping short of calling it a "mistake" as her critics on the left demand). As public support for the war effort has waned, she's become increasingly anti-war. But, she never misses an opportunity to remind voters she is a tough girl; when President Bush's recent troop surge in Iraq

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Birth control: How safe are you?

BY JAMIE PASCUCCI & JESSICA GRUBB
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According to statistics and surveys passed out to women college- aged and beyond, birth control is used and expected to work almost 100% of the time when having sex.

According to a women's statistical web site, 98 percent of women ages 14-44 use some form of contraception, most commonly the pill. So with all these options available to women, why are women still getting pregnant? An an even better question is why are women contracting STDs? Has the validity of contraception diminished over the years, or are women just not taking their bodies serious enough?

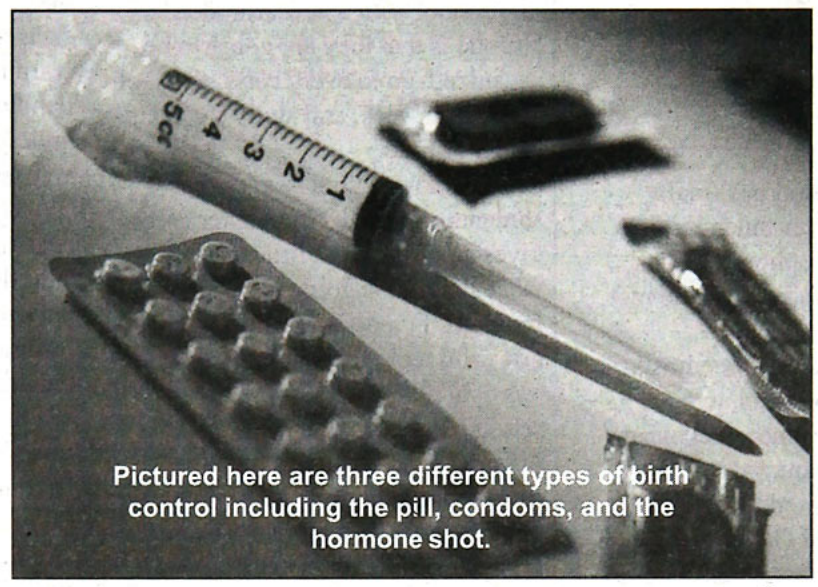
The most common form of contraception is the pill, which if used correctly is 98.9 percent effective. Having few side affects with only mild discomfort, the pill does prevent pregnancy; however, it does nothing for the prevention of STDs.

Another very common form of contraception, being the most available and cheapest, is the condom, which is about 99 percent effective when used correctly. But, in order for a condom to protect against STDs, it must be latex and contain an amount of nonoxynol 9, which is spermicidal lubricant purchased separately.

A form of birth control very effective, but not recommended for a women younger then 30, is an IUD. This method is a surgically inserted metal object that is very effective against pregnancy, but not STDs. Many older women prefer this because it doesn't require remembering to take a pill.

One very common form of birth control has just recently been recalled for various health reasons. The patch, or Orthro Evra, was causing many health risks, such as blood clots.

Plan B or emergency contraception is a backup method for preventing pregnancy and is not for routine use. For example, if someone was using a condom and it broke, if someone forgot to take 2 or more birth control pills this month, or if someone was sexually assaulted, Plan B may be a good option. If it is taken within 3 days (72 hours) after unprotected sex, it will decrease the chance of pregnancy by up to 89 percent. That means 7 out of every 8 women *who would have* gotten pregnant *will not* get pregnant. And, Plan B works even better if taken within the first 24 hours after unprotected sex.



Pictured here are three different types of birth control including the pill, condoms, and the hormone shot.

Another form of birth control is the hormone shot. The birth control shot is a long-acting form of progesterone, a hormone that is naturally manufactured in a girl's ovaries. The shot is given as an injection in the upper arm or in the buttocks once every 3 months to protect a woman from becoming pregnant. The hormone progesterone in the birth control shot primarily works by preventing ovulation (the release of an egg during the monthly cycle). If a woman doesn't ovulate, she cannot get pregnant because there is no egg to be fertilized.

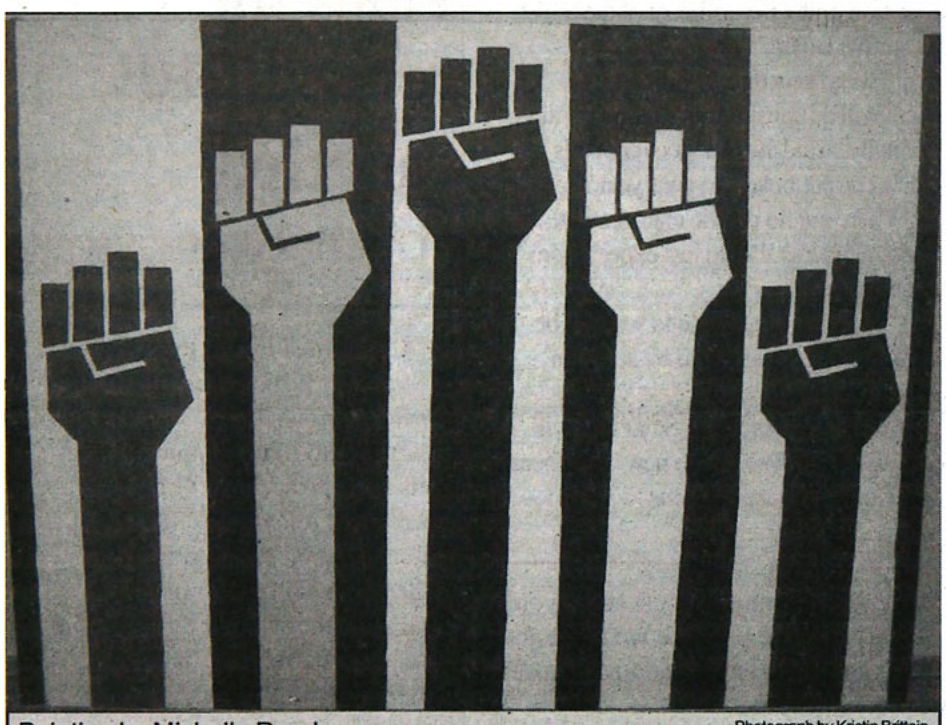
Some have heard of the NuvaRing. NuvaRing is a soft, flexible ring that is approximately two inches in diameter. The ring is worn in the vagina for three weeks. It is then taken out for one week. The menstrual period will usually occur during this week. NuvaRing contains a combination of estrogen and progestin hormones similar to the hormones used in most birth control pills and in the patch. The primary difference is in the method by which the medication is delivered into the body. The hormones contained within the ring are absorbed continuously, directly into the blood stream through the vaginal wall.

The safest way to not get pregnant is abstinence. If two people don't have sex, then sperm can't fertilize an egg, and there's no possibility of a pregnancy. Some forms of birth control depend on barriers that prevent the sperm from reaching the egg, such as condoms or diaphragms. Others interfere with the menstrual cycle as birth control pills do. With abstinence, no barriers or pills are necessary because the person is not having sex. Women don't have to be virgins to practice abstinence. Sometimes, people who have been having sex decide not to continue having sex.

The Catholic Church disagrees with any form of birth control. Contraception is wrong because it's a deliberate violation of the design God built into the human race, often referred to as natural law. The natural law purpose of sex is procreation. The pleasure that sexual intercourse provides is an additional blessing from God, intended to offer the possibility of new life while strengthening the bond of intimacy, respect, and love between husband and wife. The loving environment this bond creates is the perfect setting for nurturing children.

But sexual pleasure within marriage becomes unnatural, and even harmful to the spouses, when it is used in a way that deliberately excludes the basic purpose of sex, which is procreation. God's gift of the sex act, along with its pleasure and intimacy, must not be abused by deliberately frustrating its natural end, procreation.

"Anything said about contraceptives said about marriage and fidelity. The church considers sex outside marriage a serious moral evil; therefore, it encourages the practice of the virtue chastity. One needs to take seriously the importance of sexual expression, respect, power, and prepare you for faithful marriage by not having intercourse before marriage," said Father Tony Kissel.



Painting by Michelle Reedy. Photograph by Kristin Brittain

Academic Excellence Day hosts Lion's Art Show

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
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On April 19, 2007 the art department will hold their annual showcase of students' exceptional work.

April 19 is Academic Excellence Day. It is dedicated to students exhibiting their outstanding performance in certain area's of their academic career, a perfect opportunity for the art department to show off their crown jewels.

To allow both media's to have an equal amount of space, the art show is being split between Cannon Memorial library and Saint Edwards Hall.

Students can stroll through the Cannon Memorial Library's meeting area and transcend into a world littered with art. As well in Saint Edward's art gallery, students can dabble into a world of black and white photographs broken up occasionally with a few colored prints.

Thursday, April 19 class times have been reduced to 35 minutes each, so students will be able to enjoy academic excellence day festivities. The show is open and free to everyone.

"We want visitors," urged art instructor Karen Phillips.

There will be a wide scope of variety, ranging from black and white drawings, to oils and even some cartoonist work.

"I never know what it is going to be like. Students like to surprise me," Phillips said.

It will all be two dimensional works, compiled from the fall and spring semesters.

"The best of the best," said Phillips.

There is no theme for the show. Both Phillips and photography teacher, James Hughson, agree that each work is unique.

"I believe themes narrow the students' creativity. I like diversity, not just one subject," said Hughson.

The art work will be showcased at Saint Edwards and the library for the rest of the semester.

"To tap into a student's creativity is a joy. It is what makes art shows so spectacular. To see that raw talent a student might not even know they had. It is very gratifying to me, students who have never had any knowledge of black and white photography and are now very successful," proclaimed Hughson.

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ness of the curriculum, textbooks, and teaching methods employed at Saint Leo.

The course evaluation program "wasn't being used for improvement," in the beginning, said Sister Eileen, but "it definitely is now."

The amount of time, effort, and resources devoted by the administration to research and assessment of the curriculum is a testament to the University's desire to continuously improve. Now more than ever Saint Leo's students have the ability to bequeath a better, stronger educational experience to those who will follow in their footsteps.

The MAPP general education examination is being administered to seniors during the week of April 16-20 in Selby Auditorium. Students who wish to participate should bring their student IDs with them in order to receive the initial $25 cash. Though the test is not recorded on their personal academic records, students who would like to see their test results can choose to do so. Further information on the MAPP exam will be provided via email from Saint Leo Public Relations.

SLU TV

BY SIMONE WILLIAMS
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The SLU TV team has finally been assembled. After much thought and consideration, sophomore Shari Oliver picked 12 candidates who met her requirements.

There are a total of three hosts, three anchors, two editors, two producers, and two camera technicians that make up the team.

"I am very excited to work with my new group," said Oliver.

The three hosts are Alicia Smith, Shannon Tyndall, and Alessandra Ramos. The hosts are responsible for working closely with the producers and running an event. They write their own scripts but not without help and guidance from editors and producers.

The three anchormen are Josh Porthouse, Robert Bellew, and Mario Jones. The anchormen are in charge of presenting a section of the news like the weather or sports.

The editors are Alexander Winkler and Nicholas Bliesner. The editors examine and select material best for broadcasting.

The producers are Debaro Huyler and Angela Moncayo. The producers are responsible for helping write scripts, leads, and teases, as well as making creative and well-informed decisions about the news content, and working with members of the production team to create visual and sound elements that will attract and engage news viewers.

The two camera technicians are Nikia Wells and Devaughn King. The camera technicians are responsible for getting the best possible feed to make work less strenuous for the editors.

All in all, everyone works interdependently.

"I don't want anyone to feel as if they are working alone. We are the SLU TV team and teams work together," said Oliver

After only two meetings, the team has come up with some ideas for the upcoming semesters. One such idea was SLU TV News. This program would focus on the news, sports, weather, as well as things that Oliver said are "timeless." Porthouse is the news anchor, Bellew is the sports anchor, and Jones is the weatherman. The SLU TV news team hopes to work closely with *The Lions' Pride*.

Another idea the team came up with was a show called "Dats Wats Up." This show would have up-to-date information on music, social commentary, weekly student polls, best dressed, the Student Government Union report, and group spotlight. The team working on this is Oliver, Smith, Tyndall, Ramos, King, Huyler, and Wells.

The SLU TV team has also proposed a show called "Social Scene." This show would cover fraternity and sorority events, major club events, faculty, major home games, and even a few parties. The Social Scene team is made up of the three hosts, as well as Wells, Huyler, Moncayo, and King.

More ideas floated around, but none were tangible enough to develop into solid programs. The team doesn't want to get too ahead of themselves but have "just enough." A Myspace and a Facebook account complete with pictures of every member and short bios is being developed. The Myspace account is well underway. Its address is www.myspace.com/slu_tv, with a particular emphasis on the underscore to "avoid any confusion."

The Saint Leo University television station is just another big thing to happen to this tiny campus. Be on the look out for something spectacular.

Spring Break

BY BRITTANY GANIERO
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Every year, most students come into school with a new attitude. The attitude is that they are going to be organized, go to every class, do all of their homework, and study for exams ahead of time.

The new school year makes students optimistic, but winter break gives students just a little taste of what summer is going to be like - freedom. Freedom can be a very powerful tool that enables people to possibly procrastinate with their schoolwork. So, after winter break, the next small taste of "freedom" from schoolwork is spring break. Ah, the infamous spring break, where groups of students travel all over to party and have an amazing time for nine days. Coming back to reality on Monday may be very hard for students because they are in "spring break mode" where they do not want to go to class or do any schoolwork at all.

It may be extremely hard for students to get back into the swing of things, but there are many different time management skills people can obtain to finish out the year on a good note. Learning these time management skills can help students stop procrastinating, learn how to plan their day, and how to handle their work load with the anticipation of summer only been five weeks away after spring break.

The first thing students need to remember to do is to plan their days. This definitely helps students become conscious of what they need to do throughout the day so they do not get sidetracked. The easiest way to plan out the day is to make a list of things to do, putting the most important things first. Make sure to set aside time to relax, have fun, and time, in case anything important comes up that would interrupt the schedule.

Procrastination is a powerful tool that can definitely bring students down in many aspects of their lives, but especially their schoolwork. Procrastination kicks in especially when summer is so near. The main point that helps with procrastination is the environment of which one is in. The best way to prevent procrastination is to change the environment that encourages procrastination. Making a list of things to do is just the start of the process. Students must remove all distractions. They can do things such as turning off their phone, turning off the television, and especially closing the door so that no one can come in and be a distraction from work. This method also helps with a big work load because students are able to focus a lot easier.

Summer is anticipated from the moment people come back from spring break. Therefore, people procrastinate more and do not want to do their work. There are ways for people to get back into the swing of things and help end the school year with good grades and a very optimistic attitude for next year.

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began showing early signs of success, Hillary promptly announced she would keep troops in Iraq should she be elected. This is the same candidate who weeks earlier promised to pull the troops out if Bush did not do so by the time he leaves office.

Yes, Hillary Clinton is full of dangerous ideas for America. Despite the popularity of her closest rivals, Barrack Obama and John Edwards, she maintains a lead in the polls. This makes her the primary target for most conservatives already fighting for the 2008 election. However, since Hillary Clinton has already proven a desire to lead via polling data, she may be a more attractive candidate to be stuck with than her rivals. While her style of "leadership" lacks fortitude and courage, it is guaranteed to be nominally popular. In essence, it is a weak form of pragmatism, but at least it is a form that may prove itself to be right some of the time depending on which way the political wind is blowing.
Right now, that wind is blowing to the left, so Hillary is presenting herself accordingly. But unlike her Democratic rivals for the nomination, Hillary wants the presidency so badly she will say and do anything to get it. In some ways, this makes her the worst person we could hope to win the White House. However, considering the monolithic field of Democrats vying for the nomination, Hillary appears to be the one with the least backbone. She doesn't want to make tough decisions; she wants to make popular ones.

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transition of the new officers of the SGU Executive Board."

"Everything runs smoothly now. There will be transition workshops," said Donnelly, to aid the changeover of this year's current board, to next year's.

There are no drastic changes in the works. Students should just expect more involvement.

"We want the Senate to want to be there, we want students to be active in SGU," urges Donnelly.
Now that the votes are in, Saint Leo will have to wait and see if the new SGU board will live up to its expectations.

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country, your country must serve you well. That is the promise we make to all of those who enlist and to all those who go into battle."

This new GI bill will improve things like quality of protection on the battlefield, free college education, and the best healthcare available. Any one in the armed services or ones with family members who are enlisted can appreciate this advancement for better care towards troops.

While Clinton may not be the top choice for the upcoming 2008 presidential election, citizens should take more of a look at what she's done and consider her for the job. She cares a great deal about the vitality of Americans and their ability to thrive successfully without having to worry about not being able to survive. She cares, and the proof exists in every thing she has done during her work in the previous Clinton Administration as well as her terms as a US senator. Clinton's not asking to be liked, nor is she trying to convince any one that she's the best. What she's looking for is the chance to change America for the better, and the chance to improve the quality of life for Americans everywhere.

Plans for revised GRE canceled

BY KATIE GAISER
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Confirmed by the Princeton Review, the Educational Testing Service announced on Monday April 2 they are no longer launching the revised version of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). This comes as good news to those students planning on applying to graduate schools starting in the fall 2008. The current test is shorter, easier, and contains familiar question types. Students can focus on increasing their tests scores without the added stress of preparing for a different exam version. For further information on this subject, contact Harriet Brand at 212-274-8282. Also, visit PrincetonReview.com/GRE for more details.

Religion honor society

BY KATIE GAISER
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In an undergrad affiliate with Kappa Gamma Pi, Saint Leo is kicking off the first ever religion honor society. The organization's goal is to not only provide support groups for all current religion majors, but promote the major itself, and encourage others to take religion classes outside the general education program. They will meet twice a semester and offer whatever services needed. The organization encourages students to share their ideas for future programs including guest speakers and events. They are also open to any ideas, requests, and information students would like to offer. For more information contact President Christina Beu at christina.beu@saintleo.edu.

Academic Excellence Day - Thursday, April 19, 2007

SESSION I - 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 1
Moderator: Dr. Kathryn Duncan
Title: English- Advanced Literary Studies, Writing, and Theater
Presenters:
- I-A Doris Raab, "Reading and Discernment in Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice"
- I-B Brendan Riley, Mary Stevens, Amber Camilleri, and Josh Davis, Editor, Readings from *The Sandhill Review*
- I-C Sidney Carlan and Emily Belvo, "Monologues"

Location: Library, Southard Room
Moderator: Dr. Patrick Draves
Title: Psychology Senior Seminar
Presenters:
- I-D Tracy Beauzile, "How Procrastination Affects Optimism and Pessimism in College Students"
- I-E Stacy Booten, "How Alcohol Affects Risky Sexual Behavior"
- I-F Danielle Bretschneider, "Emotional Intelligence and Its Relationship with Leadership Styles"
- I-G Shannon Glass, "Media's Effects on Body Image in Women"
- I-H Eric Heneka, "Alcoholism in the Military: The Relationship Between High Stress and High Alcohol Consumption"
- I-I Jason Rhodes, "Political Views and Their Effects on Perceived Effectiveness of Criminal Rehabilitation"

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 2
Moderator: Dr. Carol Walker
Title: Senior Honors Presentations - Education
Presenters:
- I-J Stephanie Danikas, "An Exploratory Study into Qualities of Outstanding Teaching as Perceived by Undergraduate Students"
- I-K Elizabeth Gregson, "Informal Reading Inventory Analysis and Implementing Technology"
- I-L Michael Docster, "Language, Literacy and Cultural Diversity in Education"

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 5
Moderator: Dr. Kurt Wilt
Title: Senior Honors Presentations - Creative Literature
Presenters:
- I-M Maria DeMaio, "Walk with Me: A Gaelic Children's Story"
- I-N Tina Hill, "Lacoochee: Growing Up in the Town that Cummer Built"
- I-O Meaghan Tobin, "Children's Book on Difference – Cleft Lip & Chin"

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 7
Moderator: Dr. Cindy Lee and Rebecca Hensley
Title: Social Work - Sociology
Presenters:
- I-P Amanda Davis, "What are we thinking?: A Preliminary Study of College Student World Views"
- I-Q Kenneth Richards, "Out of the Shadows: Life Satisfaction and the Effects of College Students' Sexual Orientation"
- I-R Brian Wahl and Karol El Amrani, "Older Adults and Substance Abuse"

Location: CCIC2 - Computer Lab #2 (basement of Library)
Moderator: Michael Moorman
Title: Business - Computer Information Systems
Presenters:
- I-S Alison Noesen, "Computerizing a Café"
- I-T Darius Lewis, "Justifying Renovation at a Grocery Mart"
- I-U Samuel Luedke, "Managing Reservation Data at a Convention Center"
- I-V Jabez Harris, "Evaluating Business Performance for a Manufacturing Company"

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 8 **(1:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m.)**
Moderator: Dr. Valerie Wright and Carol McLeish
Title of Session: "Elementary Education Showcase"
Presenters:
- I-W Patricia Shapley, "Homework: Where it has been; Where it is now; Where it is going"
- I-X Christina Chastang, "Culture Capsulez: Flamenco Dancing (Spain)"
- I-Y Dacey Mahoney and Lisa Salesses, "Caterpillar Math"
- I-Z Jenna Frimmel, "Balanced Literacy: Teaching the Skills and Thrills of Reading"
- I-AA Danielle Crawford, "Culture Capsule: Vietnamese New Year"
- I-AB Kasey Funes, "Responding to Readers"
- I-AC Melissa Liford, "The Basic Needs (Social Studies)"
- I-AD Patricia DiGuiseppe, "Connecting Reading and Writing through Authors' Craft"
- I-AE Rebecca Atchley, "Culture Capsule: Festival of Lights (India)"
- I-AF Stephanie Traniello, "Building Academic Excellence through Art Education"
- I-AG Lee Gregson and Robin Hanlon, "Using a Smartboard in the Classroom"
- I-AH Shannon Jones, "Culture Capsule: Las Posadas (Christmas in Mexico)"
- I-AI John Rizzo, Meghann Gillette, Tim Trevino, Pablo Alava, and Kasey Funes, "Reader's Theatre: Yellow Fever"
- I-AJ Suzette Harris, "A Lesson in Social Studies"

SESSION II - 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

Location: Library, Southard Room
Moderator: Dr. Kevin Kieffer
Title: Collaborative Faculty/Student Research - Psychology
Presenters:
- II-A Mariel Colon´, "A Reliability Generalization Study of the Barratt Impulsiveness Scale"
- II-B Tonya Jackson, "The Relationship Between Education and Healthy Living Among College Students"
- II-C Avion Kristo, "An Examination of Job Attitudes and Performance Among Social Service Employees"
- II-D Raven Lea, "Patterns and Relationships Among Student Infractions on Campus"
- II-E Karen Mapp-Yard, "Characteristics of the Homeless Population in Pasco County"
- II-F Lauren Turner, "A Reliability Generalization Study of the Million Clinical Multiaxial Inventory—III"
- II-G Chenelia Valerio, "University Students and Stress"

Location: Lewis Hall, Room 203
Moderator: Linda Bergen-Losee and Dr. John Hartman
Title: Mycology
Presenters:
- II-H Carly Romero, "Truffles: An Underground Delicacy"
- II-I Meaghann Bolin, "Ergot Poisoning and the Salem Witch Trials"
- II-J Paola Araujo, "Eye see, You see…Fusarium"

Location: Lewis Hall, Room 208
Moderator: Dr. Iain Duffy, Dr. Tom Arnold
Title: Biology
Presenters:
- II-K Lillian Campos, "Veggie Tales: Digging the Dirt on Laura Jay Carrot and Bob the Tomato"
- II-L Ashley Grant, "Investigations on the Chiral Reductions Using Various Yeast Strains"
- II-M Eboni Jones, "The Effect of Exercise on College Students"
- II-N Tony Pham, "Honey as an Antibiotic"
- II-O Summer Woodard, "Bacteria Found in Cosmetics"
- II-P Carmin Archer, "The [Un]Usual Suspects"
- II-Q Brandi Martin, "How Dangerous is Student Life?"

Location: Lewis Hall, Room 205
Moderator: Dr. Jack McTague
Title: Senior Honors Presentations - Political Science, History & Criminal Justice
Presenters:
- II-R Sasha St. Hill, "France vs America: Between Hegemonic Rivalry and Allied Cooperation"
- II-S Benjamin Dawes, "Congressional and State Midterm Elections of 2006"
- II-T Jennifer Higgins, "Saint Leo University-Criminal Justice Field Placement Manual"

Location: Lewis Hall, Room 206
Moderator: Dr. Chuck Fisk
Title: Business
Presenter:
- II-U Brittany Josselyn, "Analysis of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers"

Location: Selby Auditorium **(2:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.)**
Moderator: Dr. June Hammond
Title: Music
Presenters:
- II-V Nevin Baker - Voice
- II-W Nikki Boaz - Voice
- II-X Kaitlyn Bunker - Piano
- II-Y Andrea Cameron - Voice
- II-Z Leonard Competello - Guitar
- II-AA Tina Hill - Flute
- II-AB Sarah Holz - Voice
- II-AC Kyle Oathout - Saxophone
- II-AD Lori Perreault - Flute
- II-AE Aaron Reines - Piano
- II-AF Chelsea Shoemaker - Flute
- II-AG Rose Spino - Voice
- II-AH Amanda Tatko - Violin
- II-AI Sarah Tatko - Violin
- II-AJ Dorothy Whalen - Violin

SESSION III (3:00 - 3:50 p.m.)

Location: Lewis Hall, Room 203
Moderator: Monika Vo
Title: Mathematics
Presenters:
- III-A Benjamin Shulman, "The Maximal Order of Elements in a Symmetric Group"
- III-B Samantha Hildebrand and Angel Hernandez, "Forensics and Math: The S & A Perspective of a Case Study"
- III-C Karen Castro, Danielle Sullivan and Benjamin Lewis, "Forensics and Math: The K, D & B Perspective of a Case Study"

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 1
Moderator: Dr. Jerome Williams
Title: Senior Honors Presentations - Biology
Presenters:
- III-D Scott Chisling, "Ethanol Conversion Efficiency Using Saccharomyces Cerevisiae"
- III-E Carly Romero, "A Comparative Coprophilus Succession Study in Horse and Cow Dung"
- III-F Meaghann Bolin, "Environmental Lands Acquisition of Pasco County (ELAMP)"

Location: Library, Southard Room
Moderator: Dr. Chris Cronin
Title: Applying to Graduate School: A Student's Perspective
Presenters:
- III-G Suzanne Marcantoni, Cortney Dunlap, Cecelia Stalnaker, Alyssa Visalli, and Alycia Valdez,

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 2
Moderator: Dr. Anthony Esposito
Title: History Senior Seminar: Research Papers
Presenters:
- III-H Stephanie Coppin, "Advertising and Feminism: How Gloria Steinem Fought to Put Women into the Market"
- III-I Stephanie Danikas, "Turkey's Accession into the European Union: Promise or Peril?"
- III-J Jason Placeres, "George Washington and the Merchants of American Independence"
- III-K Albert Vermeire, "The Death Debate: What Is the Driving Force?"

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 6
Moderator: Dr. Stephen Baglione
Title: Senior Honors Presentations - Business Today
Presenters:
- III-L Denilae Bondari, "An Ethical Look into Wal-Mart: Good or Bad for America?"
- III-M James Blade, "Student Attitudes Towards Accounting"
- III-N Jason Rhodes, "The Effects of Employee Satisfaction on Customer Satisfaction"
- III-O Douglas Reichwein, "A Marketing Plan for Whispering Pines Foliage, Inc."

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 5
Moderator: Dr. Susan Foster
Title: Risk Management Issues in Sports
Presenters:
- III-P Deborah Swann, "Players Associations Grievances Against Team Enforcement of Player Violations"
- III-Q Matthew Senay, "Would Baseball be Better Off with a Salary Cap?"
- III-R Risk Management in Sport-Project 1
- III-S Risk Management in Sport-Project 2
- III-T Risk Management in Sport-Project 3

Location: Lewis Hall, Room 205
Moderator: Margaret Ostrenko
Title: Public Relations and Communication Theory
Presenters:
- III-U Avril Thomas, "Red Tide Scare and the St. Petersburg Clearwater Area Convention and Visitors Bureau"
- III-V Sarah Folsom, "Erving Goffman's Frame Analysis and Male Gender Role Socialization in the College Dormitory Setting"

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 7
Moderator: Bruce Hammond
Title: Media
Presenters:
- III-W Jennifer Reilly, "From Print to Online: The Evolution of News Media"
- III-X Kim Harrison, "A Magazine for the Millennials: Creating a Print Medium for a Wireless Generation"
- III-Y Tony Dirth, "The College Marathon: A Part Factual, Part Fictional Guide to Running a Marathon as a College Student"

Location: Crawford Hall, Room 8
Moderator: Ashlee North and Barry Glover
Title: Criminal Justice – Internship Program
Presenters:
- III-Z Joshua Driver, Dustin Fetz, Valerie Harridge, Rachel Lipnoski, Jennifer Roberge, and Lindsay Sagala

SESSION IV - 1:00 - 3:50 p.m. PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART EXHIBIT

Location: Saint Edward's Hall - Lobby
Organizers: Mr. James Hughson (Photography)
IV-A Photographers: Derrick Allahar, Marcia Fernandez, Brittany Fuhr, Ashley Gonzalez, Jennifer Higgins, Donald Linton, Aaron McClarin, Jessamyn Sanfilippo, Christopher Simon, Jessica Slate, Mary Stevens, Lauren Taylor, Albert Verile, Robert Bellew, Kristin Brittain, Bridgett Godwin, David Ifill, Kendall McClellan, Danielle Sullivan, Amanda Velazquez

Location: Library-1st floor-various locations
Organizer: Ms. Karen Phillips (Art)
IV-B Artists: Aisheeda Benjamin, Nicole B. Boaz, Shaneise Y. Bromell, Ryan C. Clark, Amanda M. Davis, Ashley C. Johansen, Dustin D. Juliano, Alessandra K. Ramos, Michelle L. Reid, Kenrick F. Roberts, Eleftheria Kalathakis, Amy Lanier, Enda Lacan, Chelsea Grant, Kelly Murphy, Gina O. Adeyeye, Amy B. Persaud, Paul Peterson, Laura C. Ricardo, John D. Slimak, Ashley A. Tyler, Christina M. Williams, Jason Fennell, John Peterson, Joseph Partyka, James R. Cummings, Charlie Marcantoni, Megan Muriel, Megan OBrien, Dustin Palmer, Rachel Liponsky

PRESENTATION OF HONORS AWARDS (4:00 - 4:50 p.m.)
RECEPTION (5:00 - 5:50 p.m.)
Location: Marion Bowman Activity Center-Gymnasium

Arts & Entertainment

Video game addiction becomes student plague

BY ASHLEE MASULLO
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

New video game systems have emerged once more, and some students around the world are passing their time playing them non-stop. Systems, such as Xbox360, PS3, and the Wii, are sucking the life out of those who play them.

Whether they're in high school or hanging out in their dorm at college, students are getting attached very fast to the expanse of video games coming out for the new and improved consoles. Games like World of Warcraft (or WoW, as some call it), Oblivion, Crackdown, and others have received amazing ratings and are extremely addictive to the player. Students can be seen in class playing numerous PC games on their laptops, like War Front: Turning Point, Everquest, or Supreme Commander.

Yet, this is only the start to the addiction. Numerous players were and still are addicted to Halo 1 and 2. Now, with the Halo 3 coming out soon, it's only a matter of time before more and more people become addicted to the first-person "shoot'em up" game. Competitions have already been taken place to see which player is the better opponent on various Halo mini-games. Because it's possible to hook up so many Xbox consoles together, a Halo multiplayer game could consist of up to 16-32 players, the equivalent of four Xbox consoles or being on Xbox Live.

"Halo is also considered a religion for a lot of people," Kyle Oathout, a student at Saint Leo, said about the subject.

Even older games like PacMan are still popular. "There is a Church of PacMan online," stated student George Smith.

John Minteer, an addict at Saint Leo University, spoke up about his long-time addiction, "I spend at least 2-3 hours a day playing Halo on Xbox Live. I'm definitely an addict. I think it's better than any other addiction you could have."

Video game addiction has become so widespread, there are even clinics for helping people with it. Such places include Richmond Addiction Services, which helps people with not only video game addiction, but drugs, gambling, and credit card addiction as well. Listed on the website are some other sites people can go to for advice or help with video game addiction.

It's unfortunate that there are only a few clinics that specialize on video game addictions, though. Clinics that deal with such addictions have just started popping up in Europe and China. America is just now coming up with centers. There are a lot of websites that can also help with the addiction and give helpful steps.

"Students are not likely to seek help right away," said Lawson Jolly, the licensed mental health counselor at Saint Leo. "Students should treat video games like any other hobby or leisure activity. If it's all-consuming or causes hurt to anyone in any way, then they should evaluate it and go see a licensed mental health professional."

"If someone is concerned about the level of activity a friend or loved one has, they should always show kindness and consideration at first. If it continues to persist, they should provide a 'reality check' and present to them the effects of what is happening," said Jolly, who can be reached at x8354.

There are several organizations to help prevent and stop video game addiction, such as MAVAV (Mothers Against Videogame Addiction and Violence).

Sites like www.gamerwidow.com or http://gamingsucks.com/ are forums for people who are in relationships with video game addicts. There are quite a few people whose relationships are damaged by their addictions. Video game addiction is no different. When an individual starts spending more time playing video games than he or she does with his or her significant other, it can definitely take a toll on the relationship. Addictions like these could ruin any kind of relationship. There was a report in the Beijing Morning Post about a woman shooting and killing her fiancé because of his video game addiction.

As for health, many have been subject to what teenagers call, "the video game diet." The video game diet is one of the unhealthiest diets known to man. Although video gaming has proven to burn calories (a whopping 1,380 calories a week if a gamer plays Wii, as noted on BBC news), it has also been known for distracting an individual from regular meals. When playing video games, the gamer may eat only a bag of chips or something easy in between game plays. Foods that require getting up and being prepared are discarded for things ready-made and easily accessible.

Yet, other games such as Dance Dance Revolution, or DDR, require a lot of energy in a short span of time. DDR games can be played on both the Play Station systems and Xbox, making it easier for teens to play in their own rooms instead of traveling to the nearest arcade. These are addictive, yet they do not ask a lot when it comes to dieting. Game players are reminded of food and drink after almost every song, after dancing excessively. DDR is even being administered by health classes online and in high school, almost as an aerobics program.

Unfortunately, not all games are good for students. When it comes to studying or doing class work, students can be seen playing games instead of doing their work. It seems that video games only add to procrastination and sloth. Staying in one position for too long and getting so distracted could make the gamer lazy or sleepy, especially since so many people stay up all night playing the games and do not spend enough time getting the rest and energy they need for the following day. According to BBC News, in South Korea, a 28-year-old man died of heart failure from playing video games for more than 50 hours with little breaks and hardly any sleep.

"Recently on campus, there was a problem with addiction. Students couldn't stop playing a PC game called, Conquer Online. They, quite literally, had to conquer their addiction. Students were missing class all the time just to play the game," said Oathout.

It's also been proven by the Minnesota School on Professional Psychology, Agrosy University, that males are typically the ones who become addicted to video games. Studies showed that 60% more males than females are addicted to playing video games weekly.

Video game companies are also making it easy for people to become addicted. What's better than playing video games? Playing video games and getting paid! That's right; EA Games in Orlando is giving out jobs to anyone above the age of 18 to become an official game tester. Game testers get paid $8 an hour to play video games non-stop for up to 60 hours a week. That couldn't possibly be good for anyone's health.

Along with the addiction, withdrawal symptoms are very likely for those who try to stop.

"Video game addictions are just like any other kind of addiction. Whether it's Ebay or online gambling, it's all the same. The receptors in the brain aren't getting the stimulus in the brain when it goes through withdrawal. The person can therefore become irritable and angry," said Michelle Tracy, the administrator of academic advising at Saint Leo.

It's ultimately unhealthy for people to get so wrapped up in these games. They're fun and entertaining; however, they can be hazardous to someone's health. Students should be wary of how much time they spend playing video games. It could very well lead to their downfall.

Signs of Video Game Addiction

- Playing for increasing amounts of time
- Thinking about gaming during other activities
- Gaming to escape from real-life problems, anxiety, or depression
- Lying to friends and family to conceal gaming
- Feeling irritable when trying to cut down on gaming
- Isolation from people or activities
- Lack of enthusiasm for anything other than gaming
- Stop attending functions because of gaming

Withdrawal Symptoms

- Anger
- Violence
- Depression
- Refuses to do anything without game
- Irritability
- Migraines
- Psychomotor agitation
- Involuntary movements of the hands

Helpful Websites for Video Game Addiction

- MediaWise: National Institute on Media and the Family
  http://www.mediafamily.org/resources/video_game_addiction.shtml
- On-Line Gamers Anonymous
  http://www.olganonboard.org/
- NACADA: National ACademic ADvising Association
  http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Clearinghouse/AdvisingIssues/Gamer-Addiction.htm
- Daily Strength
  http://dailystrength.org/support/Addiction_Recovery/Video_Game_Addiction/
- eNot Alone
  http://www.enotalone.com/forum/showthread.php?t=137716
- Love to Know Recovery.
  http://addiction.lovetoknow.com/wiki/Video_Game_Addiction
- WoW Detox
  http://www.wowdetox.com/

High flying show brings heavy crowds

BY CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Entertainment Writer

Thousands of eyes turned to the sky at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa on March 31and April 1. While some choose to check out the Grand Prix race over the weekend, others headed out early to this modern and historical display of stunning aeronautical engineering. After an absence of the show last year, the Air Force is celebrating its 60th anniversary. This free event ran from 8am- 5pm, closing with one of the most acrobatic flying ever seen.

Since 1946 the Navy Blue Angels have been entertaining crowds around the world. This week, the squadron came to the Bay Area to participate in MacDill Airfest 2007. This group of six pilots performs amazing feets thrilling the crowd of past and possibly future veterans. People of all ages grow quiet, children are hoisted on to shoulders, and veteran hats are removed as the sound of jet comes roaring over their heads seconds after the plane does.

"God, I love that sound," said former Grumman aeronautical engineer, Lance Craft.

The Blue Angles are really F/A-18 Hornets that can be combat ready in 72 hours. During air shows the Blue Angles will, at times, fly as close as 10 inches apart while traveling 300 miles an hour. These ambassadors of the Marine and Navy forces put on 66 air shows at 35 different site locations. A Blue Angels flight demonstration exhibits choreographed refinements of skills possessed by all naval aviators. It includes the graceful aerobatic maneuvers of the four-plane Diamond Formation, in concert with the fast-paced, high-performance maneuvers of its two Solo Pilots. Finally, the team illustrates the pinnacle of precision flying, performing maneuvers locked as a unit in the renowned, six-jet Delta Formation.

This grand finale is preceded by many other aerial displays, including the F-15 and F-16 planes. High speed passes are among the favorite of the crowds. Two years ago Top Gun fans turned out to see the last passing of F-14 Tom Cat at speeds so high they are top secret. The show also gives audiences the opportunity to see these mean machines up close. The static displays range from major cargo aircrafts to the newest fighter planes, the F-22. These static displays go all the way back until the first planes were made. For instance, The Detroit, a plane built in 1937, was one of American Airlines fleet of 84 passenger planes. This plane originally held only 22 passengers. Some of the planes were open for exploration, such as the C-17 cargo plane. This plane's mouth is big enough for a fleet of jeeps to enter and exit right out the back.

"Just walking through this plane, the smell, it takes me right back," said a veteran air traffic controller spectator.

Moments like that could be seen by all the former aeronautic junkies. This event is a chance to take these people back to a time when they were really committed to major united effort. However, this time they can see how far these programs have come over the years.

For instance, NOAA Watch, which is the Storms and Hazard Patrol, provides the force with hurricane hunters. These planes fly high into the heart of storms and transmit back information about the intensity of the storm. Commander Jeffery Hagan was present of the static display of Hurricane Hunter Miss Piggy. Kermit, Miss Piggy, and Gonzo grace the nose of several NOAA hurricane hunter aircrafts. These planes now sport these loveable Muppet logos that are copyrighted by Jim Henson productions.

Between the plethora of people, the fleet of military capabilities made this event especially appealing to anyone who ever looked in the sky after a plane. Whether participant had knowledge of a planes or not, there was something for everyone to enjoy at Airfest.

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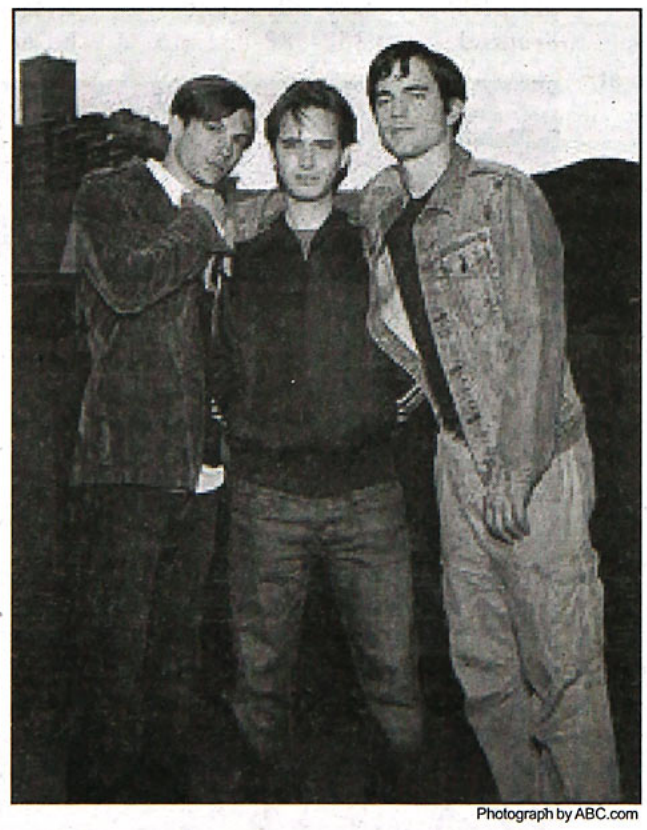
"We're not terrorists..."

BY NIKII BROWN
Lions' Pride Assistant Editor

A cross country trip, a roller skating prank, an explosion at a top museum in New York, and being chased by the FBI. That's how three friends celebrate their graduation.

ABC has a new hit series called "Traveler" premiering May 30 at 10 pm. Don't be fooled by the time slot. The pilot episode will leave watchers on the edge of their seats. The three main characters exploding onto the screen are Aaron Stanford, Matthew Bomer, and Logan Marshall-Green.

Stanford may be better recognized by the name of Pyro from "XMen.". Watch the pilot of episode and see how his interest in fire continues. Bomer most recently has been seen on "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning," and Marshall-Green has most recently been on "The OC."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The three play friends who have been roommates for the past two years. Upon graduation, they decided to take a road trip starting with New York City.

First stop is at a museum where Will Traveler (Stanford) dares his two friends Jay Burchell (Bomer) and Tyler Fog (Marshall-Green) to roller blade through the halls as he video tapes. After wishing his friends good luck, they take off and Traveler disappears. Once outside, Burchell calls Traveler, who asks if they made it outside. As soon as Burchell delivers his answer, the museum blows up and the line goes dead.

The two men find themselves back at their hotel watching their faces on the news. Burchell calls the FBI to find out what is going on and see if they can locate Traveler. The FBI calls Burchell and Fog suspects and after checking the system announces there is no such person on file under the name Will Traveler.

Burchell and Fog run from the FBI and start to think that perhaps it was Traveler who framed them. Looking back on their two years as friends the pair realize they have no evidence of Traveler's existence, no pictures where his face shows, and no way to link him to the explosion.

In one scene, Burchell tells his girlfriend, "We're not terrorists," and though he may not be, the person who blew up the museum is. Whether it's a friend or family member, acts like that are acts of terrorism. Bomer lets viewers know that a lot of the story lines are based on 9/11 conspiracy theories, and Stanford shares why this is distinctive.

"I think we're at a point, especially in this country, where people really don't know what to believe or who to trust," Stanford said.

The elements the show brings out are that of what citizens are truly dealing with. If this isn't enough to entice watchers, Stanford offers this, "It'll blow your mind."

Leo lite by "Moonlight"

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

April 19 through the 21, Saint Leo's theatre department will be producing the play "Moonlight" written by Herald Pinter.

From Thursday to Saturday there will be a nightly performance at 8pm with an extra performance on Saturday at 2pm in Selby Auditorium.

"Old romances, family relationships and the fear of dying are just a few of the themes explored in this play," says Chelsea Shoemaker, who is playing the sexually charged character Maria.

"Moonlight" is about a dying man, Andy, played by Dr. Charles Grimes, and his dynamic family relationship with his wife, Bel, played by Sidney Carlan, his two estranged sons, Josh Porthouse and Andrew Morrow, and his dead daughter played by Emily Belvo. The plot is further twisted by Maria, who is Bel's best friend as well as Andy's old mistress, and her husband Ralph, played by Benjamin Dawes.

It is staged in three areas. Andy is center stage, and his sons and daughter are on either side, with Maria interacting between all areas of the stage.

"Moonlight" is a one-act play, and it will be a little over an hour long. It is an intentional drama, lightened by a few moments of comedy.

"It is not only a nice break before finals, but it's also a play not usually done in theatre. And, it is the last time to see Dr. Grimes in action," said Shoemaker.

Sports

Gators chomp down again

BY JOE GENTILE
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

The Florida Gators take a bite out of history by winning back to back NCAA basketball titles. This year was especially hard for the team. Not only is it an extremely hard feat to be able to go back-to-back, but they ran into their own fair share of problems this season.

The Gators began the year with a rocky start falling out of the top five. Of course, nobody can forget either when they went on that skid of losing three in a row. People were talking of Florida's downfall and how they wouldn't be as glorious as they were last year. The Gators lost three in a row last year right before the tournament began and look what happened, the same that happened this year, champions.

To really understand the great things Florida has done and how amazing this team is you have to go back and look at some of the teams who repeated. The last team to go back-to-back were the 91-92 Duke Blue Devils, and that was 15 years ago. You have to go all the way back to the 1972 -73 UCLA team to find the next team that doubled their winnings. Their have been seven teams in total that have won back-to-back championships, but only two have won in the SEC, Florida being one and Kentucky all the way back in the 1948-49 season.

Back then, there where only 32 teams in the NCAA tournament, not the 64 they have now. Back then, NBA wasn't breathing down player's necks to have them come to the big show. NBA teams weren't offering hundreds of thousands of dollars for players to come out. Now, in this day, some players leave after only one year in the college system. That makes it harder for teams to pull off what Florida has done. Not only that, but they did it with the same exact starting five: freshmen Joakim Noah, Corey Brewer, Al Horford, Taurean Green, and senior Lee Humphrey, the first time in NCAA basketball history something like this has ever happened.

This Florida Gators team is one for the ages. Nobody may see this kind of domination for years to come, and not only domination in basketball but in football also.

The football team laid waste to the Buckeyes in the football National Championship, and now they do the same thing but to the basketball team. The Gators have become the first team to win football and basketball championships in the same academic year, using Ohio State as their whipping boys. With that, technically the Gators have gone back-to-back-to-back with basketball, football, and basketball again.

Truly, the Florida Gators are the most dominate college in the most popular collegiate sports.

Tennis

BY JOE GENTILE
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

The Saint Leo women's tennis team has kicked off its 2007 season.

This year, the team has a fresh look with three freshmen coming into the program. One of the new up-and-coming freshmen is Taylor Cleaves, from Norwell, Massachutes.

"I came down here to get better and for the warm weather. With the sun out all the time, I can practice outside whenever I want and not have to worry about the cold or snow like back home."

Taylor notched her first point for the tennis team by winning a doubles match with her partner Asmaa Tazi against Florida Gulf Coast University in a nonconference game. The women lost the match 8-1, but it was still a good start for the freshman.

"It was a tough loss. It always is, but now that I have that out of the way and won my first match I feel more comfortable and even more ready now."

She has been working hard to better her game and herself as a player throughout the season, and she attributes a lot of it to her coach Iskra Nikolovska, who just graduated from Saint Leo in 2005.

"Iskra is one of the most, determined hard-working coaches. She is extremely determined. Iskra makes sure she spends the time with us honing our skills, making us better players."

Tennis player, Taylor Cleaves, in action

Photograph by Mike Carlson

So, the team went back to work at practice to work harder at their game and become better to try and start picking up some wins.

The season continued, but unfortunately, the women's tennis team pretty much stayed on the same course.

"We may not have the best record, but were a good team, were fighters, and we never give up. Were a young team; we have a lot of time ahead of us. I love my team. We have a good comradery among us, and I wouldn't trade that in for anything."

That's a great attitude to have considering she will be with the same group of girls for just about her whole college career. Including her, there are three freshmen and two sophomores on the team. With Carrie Leitch being the only senior on the team this season, just about the whole team minus one will be playing together for the next three years. Cleaves, who echoed the same thing, is very happy with the idea.

"We have a young team, so we will be together for a couple of years. Since it's only a couple of people on the tennis team, we can become even closer with each other. We can grow together and develop as a group. We will be there for each other during the ups and downs of the seasons and experience new things. From here on out, we can only get better as individuals and as a whole."

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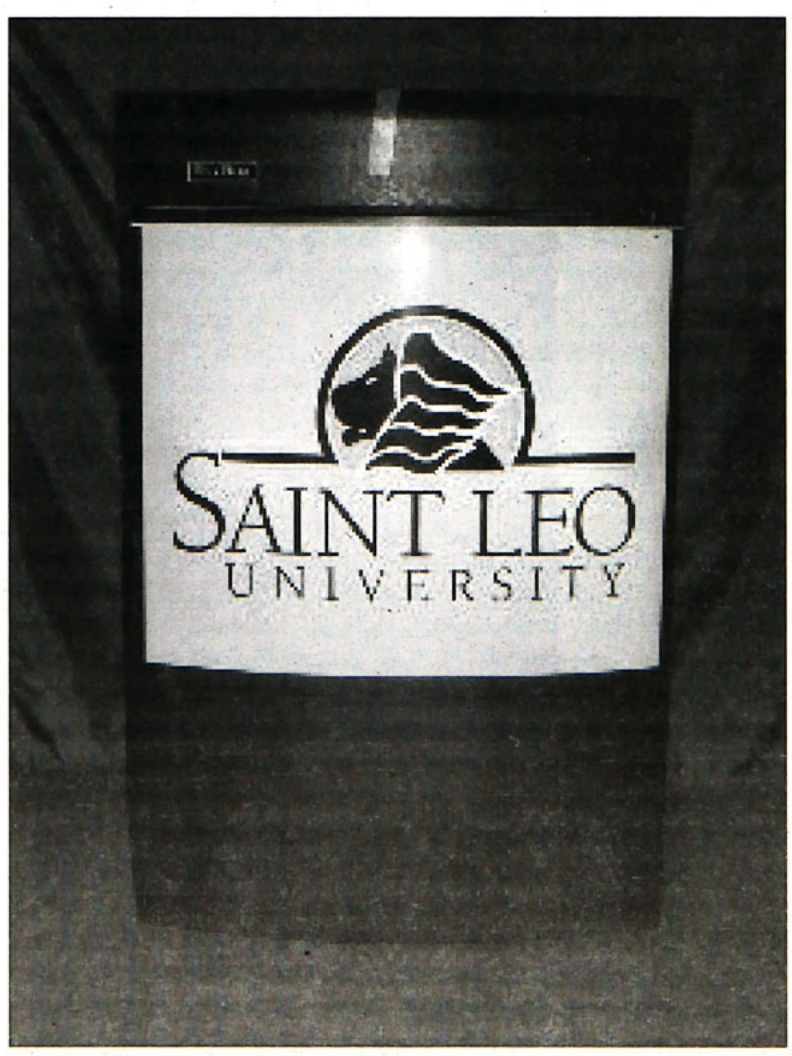
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